

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 8-20 are pending in this application. Claims 5-7 are canceled.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun (Published U.S. Application 2004/0160532) in view of Taniguchi (U.S. Patent 6,834,155).

However, in the present invention, "when a first external operation is performed, the read/write unit prohibits the storage unit updating, transfers all video data temporarily stored in the storage unit to the external storage medium, and reads the video data from the external storage medium according to a second external operation." (Claim 1; Claim 15 contains similar limitations) This prohibition feature is disclosed in paragraph 42 of the specification. When the first external operation is performed (e.g. the pause button is pressed), the present invention has a short period of prohibition (on sequential updating of the internal RAM) while all the temporarily stored video data is transferred to an external storage medium. Moreover, the video data is also compressed with a prescribed compression format before being temporarily stored. This compression shortens the period of prohibition. Additionally, the present invention also displays a frame of the video data in a portion of the display (e.g. a picture-in-picture) when the first external operation is performed.

The Examiner contends Taniguchi discloses a system that stops updating any data into buffer 3 until the system has resumed. (Office Action page 3) However, Taniguchi actually discloses a standard pause operation where the data stops

updating for as long as the pause is in effect. This is different from the present invention which prohibits updating for a short period when a pause begins (while the video data is being transferred) and then resumes updating even though the pause is still in effect. Hence, Applicants respectfully assert that neither Sun or Taniguchi discloses an analogous prohibition on sequential updating as meant in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Sun and Taniguchi fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

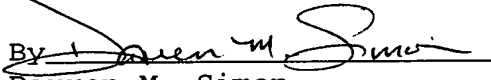
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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